

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: August 3, 2004

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair John Britton, Vice Chair Olivia Rodriguez, Secretary Brian Fahnestock, Directors Lee Moldaver, David Davis, and General Manager Sherrie Fisher

Members Absent: All present

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Maas (Planning), Lynnette Coverly (Marketing), Jerry Estrada (Controller/Assist. Gen. Mgr.), Browning Allen (SB City), Steve Musick, Bob Dockerty (American Star Bus Lines, Josh Molina (SB News Press), Tom Sheldon (IT Admin.), Rachel Grossman (Planning), David Damiano (Community Relations Mgr.)

1. Call to Order

Chair John Britton called the meeting to order at 8:33am

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Chair Britton noted that all Board members were present.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager, Sherrie Fisher, reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters and on the MTD Website last week and mailed to media of general circulation.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes

Director Moldaver moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes of July 20, 2004. Director Davis seconded the motion, Director Rodriguez abstained, motion passed.

5. Cash Report

The Board was asked to approve the cash report from July 13 through July 26, incorrectly noted in the minutes as June 29 through July 12, 2004.

Director Moldaver moved to accept the cash report, Director Rodriguez seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Director Fahnestock stated that the finance committee met, he further explained MTD bought buses for about \$1.2M and received operating assistance of about \$1.2M, but

these are unrelated. This was brought to the board's attention to point out that cash flow is precarious.

Director Rodriguez questioned the cost of APTA dues. General Manager Fisher explained that although they are high the benefits of belonging to APTA are significant. Director Rodriguez asked about the cost of the Cottage Hospital Employee Assistance Program and again Ms. Fisher explained briefly regarding counseling and other family assistance the program provides at a minimal annual cost per employee.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Robert Dockerty (American Star Tours) addressed the board with concerns that MTD's regional Valley Express will put his company out of business. He suggested MTD and American Star enter into a joint venture.

Mr. Steve Musick spoke about concerns over agenda changes. Even though he received a phone call from MTD staff alerting him that the Calle Real Property would be delayed. Director Davis took the floor to apologize for any confusion and stated documentation regarding Calle Real will be produced five days to a week in advance.

7. California Air Resources Board update

Ms. Fisher introduced Mr. Steve Hahn (Materials Manager). Steve provided an in depth explanation of the many types of engines, and bus manufacturers and how they are trying to adhere to the numerous California Air Resources Board regulations related to engine emissions.

8. General Manager's Report

Ms. Fisher introduced Lynnette Coverly (Manager of Marketing), to give a presentation on the Fall Schedule changes. Lynnette explained the yearlong process used to gather information from Drivers, Staff and public in order to formulate routes and schedules.

Ms. Coverly spoke about a Traffic Solutions / Emergency Ride Home program, including the parameters of the program, how to register, and in the event of a particular emergency how to get home quickly and in turn get reimbursed through Traffic Solutions. (Riders are encouraged to seek specifics through Traffic Solutions @ 260 N. San Antonio Rd., Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

Bike racks are provide on all routes with the exception of the shuttle electric vehicle routes.

Director Moldaver pointed out the need for the MTD phone number to be placed prominently in the Bus Book, front cover, rear cover and inside front cover.

Dr. Dan Secord mentioned that with respect to our partners he hoped the bus book could point out the Measure D assistance to MTD service.

Ms. Coverly introduced a new cooperative program with the Santa Barbara Police Department and the County Sheriff's Department to aid MTD in fighting graffiti and other vandalism against MTD. Director Moldaver expressed the desire to see prosecution of students found guilty of offenses. Director Rodriguez said she is involved in teen court that will impress upon the young offenders that their crimes will need to be paid for with their time and money.

Ms. Fisher updated the Board on proceedings between City/MTD transit discussions. MTD will meet with the Santa Barbara City Council August 10th. MTD met with the Goleta City Council August 2, 2004, and they have unanimously voted yes on the South Coast Transit Priorities project and believe they will financially support it in year 4 and ongoing.

Terminal Two is currently storing old buses waiting to be auctioned off, these are being attacked by graffiti criminals. MTD has contracted a security firm to keep the graffiti at bay, but this is an expense we were not anticipating.

"Fiesta KRUZer" service commenced Wednesday August 4th, to help boost our regular service during the five days of Santa Barbara's annual Fiesta.

CHP was on property last Thursday and Friday to perform an annual audit of MTD facilities and equipment, and gave MTD a satisfactory (highest) score.

Mr. Musick requested information on AB1320, Ms. Fisher offered to bring updates to a future meeting. Mr. Musick said he could check with his congressman or assemblywoman for the information he sought.

9. Other Business

Director Rodriguez noted that Santa Barbara Bank & Trust and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce were hosting a Fiesta kick-off party Tuesday evening 5:30 p.m.

Director Fahnestock noted that the Finance Committee met earlier in the day and had a kick-off meeting with the auditors. He stated the audit should be completed in about six weeks.

10. Closed Session

- a. The board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 to discuss potential litigation involving Gilbert Lopez and,
- b. The board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher and Jerry Estrada and,
- c. The board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, to conference with real property negotiators regarding the MTD Calle Real Property, APN's Book 59, Page 14, Parcels 4,5 & 6, and Book 67, Page 23, Parcel 6, concerning price and terms of payment; agency negotiators Doug Large and Bob Andrews; other negotiation parties: Housing Authority of County of Santa Barbara, Martin Farrell Homes, and Investec Capital, Inc.

Just prior to closed session: Mr. Steve Musick was given the floor to point out 4 different goals of the Calle Real property. He stated that "AB1937, sub section D for the purposes of this section, a transit operator is prohibited from engaging in agreements unrelated to the transportation purposes and mission of the transit operator."

The Board came out of Closed Session (Directors Rodriguez and Fahnestock left directly after closed session) at 11:12am. On Item 10A, the board authorized the General Manager to settle a claim with Gilbert Lopez, on Item 10B the board directed General Manager to continue labor negotiations, and on Item 10C no action was taken.

15. Adjournment

Director Moldaver made a motion, seconded by Director Davis, motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Approved by Board of Directors on August 17, 2004

Brian Fahnestock, Secretary of the Board